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Town of East Windsor Announces Chief of Police Finalists

EAST WINDSOR, CT (May 9, 2023) – The Town of East Windsor has narrowed the search for the next Chief of Police to four highly qualified candidates.

Residents and stakeholders are invited to meet the Police Chief finalists in a public “Meet & Greet” scheduled on Monday, May 15 from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM at East Windsor Scout Hall, located at 28 Abbe Road, East Windsor. “It has been twenty years since the Town of East Windsor has hired a new Chief of Police, so the Police Chief Search Committee and I felt it was important to do a comprehensive search for our successor chief, and it is important to include public feedback as part of that process. We are looking forward to the upcoming interviews with our Police Chief candidates and encourage interested individuals throughout our community to meet the finalists next Monday evening at the public Meet & Greet event” said Jason Bowsza, East Windsor First Selectman.

The Town selected Strategic Government Resources (SGR) to assist in conducting the extensive search that resulted in an impressive candidate pool. SGR is an executive recruitment firm based in Texas, specializing in recruiting, assessing, and developing innovative, collaborative, and authentic leaders for local governments.

SGR’s proprietary recruitment and vetting process produced an incredibly strong field of candidates. The Town received 14 applications in total, with 9 candidates from Connecticut, two from Illinois, and one candidate each from New Jersey, New York, and Texas. The recruitment process involved semifinalists’ completing a detailed written questionnaire, pre-recorded interviews, subjected to an initial media search, with finalists undergoing background checks and a detailed media search, the development of a written First Year Game Plan, and the preparation of a brief PowerPoint presentation regarding their thoughts on the Police Department’s Challenges and Opportunities should they be selected as the Town’s next Police Chief.

The finalists:



Marc Petruzzi currently serves as a Captain in the Town of Wethersfield Police Department in Wethersfield, Connecticut. Prior to this, he has a long history of service with the Connecticut State Police (CSP), having started as a State Trooper in 1999. His roles with CSP have included Chief of Staff with the Office of Administrative Services, Barracks Commander and Commanding Officer for various Troops and the Labor Relations Unit, as well as Internal Affairs Investigator.

Marc holds a master’s degree in Management from the University of St. Joseph in West Hartford, Connecticut, and a bachelor’s degree in International Relations from the University of Connecticut in Storrs. He is also a graduate of the FBI National Academy.



Matt Carl has worked for the East Windsor Police Department since 1996, currently serving as Interim Deputy Chief. Other past roles at the department include Police Officer, Juvenile/Community Officer, Detective Sergeant, and Administrative Lieutenant. Matt has also served as a Cold Case Detective for the Chief State's Attorney's Office, investigating cold case homicides within the jurisdiction of East Windsor as well as the State of Connecticut.

Matt is scheduled to be conferred a master's degree in Public Administration from Westfield State University, Westfield, Massachusetts in May, and holds a bachelor's degree in Education from Central Connecticut State University in New Britain. He is also a graduate of the FBI National Academy and the Police Executive Research Forum (PERF) Senior Management Institute of Police (SMIP).



Roger Hart is currently the Interim Chief of Police for East Windsor and has served in the department since 2007. He began his service to the Town of East Windsor as Captain and then Deputy Chief of Police. Since 2012, he also has had roles in Emergency Management, as Deputy Director and is currently the Acting Director. Prior to his work in East Windsor, Roger spent almost 20 years at the Town of Wallingford Police Department as a Patrol Officer, Field Training Officer, Sergeant, and Lieutenant.

He holds a master's degree in Public Administration from Westfield State University, Westfield, Massachusetts, and a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from University of New Haven, West Haven, Connecticut. He is also a graduate of the FBI National Academy and the Police Executive Research Forum (PERF) Senior

Management Institute of Police (SMIP).



Steve Torquati recently retired as Deputy Patrol Commander of Community Patrol Operations/Traffic Division at the City of New Haven Department of Police Services, having previously served the department in a variety of roles including Shift Commander, District Manager, Sergeant, Supervisor, Operator, SWAT Sniper, Detective, and Police Officer. Following his retirement, he is serving as a Patrol Officer First Class with the Town of Milford, Connecticut. Steve holds a master's degree in Criminal Justice from the University of New Haven, West Haven, Connecticut, and a bachelor's Degree in Political Science from Quinnipiac University in Hamden, Connecticut. He is also a graduate of the Police Executive Research Forum (PERF) Senior Management Institute of Police

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The finalists will also participate in a series of events including community tours, a Police Department Meet & Greet, interviews with the Town's Senior Staff, and a panel of Police Department Representatives. Each candidate will also participate in 90-minute interviews with the Police Chief Search Committee comprised of the Board of Selectmen and representatives of the East Windsor Police Commission on Tuesday, May 16.

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